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SUBJ: ISRAELI PUBLIC CONCERN OVER POW ISSUE

1. TWO AMERICAN COUPLES LIVING IN ISRAEL WHO SAID THEY WERE FROM ISRAELI "CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF POWS" SOUGHT APPOINTMENT WITH ME AND WERE REFERRED TO EMBOFF, ON WHOM THEY CALLED NOVEMBER 5.

2. PRESS REPORTS NOVEMBER 6 VERIFY THAT CALLERS REPRESENTED GROUP OF SEVERAL THOUSAND ISRAELIS WHO HAVE SIGNED PETITION RE POW'S, ALTHOUGH CALLERS DID NOT DELIVER PETITION TO US. CALLERS ARTICULATE PRESENTATION, WHICH EMBOFF ASSURED THEM WE WOULD PASS ON, CENTERED DETERIORATION OF MOOD IN ISRAEL OVER POW ISSUE. CALLERS SAID THEY HAD BEEN ABLE TO MODERATE PUBLIC STATEMENTS OF CITIZENS COMMITTEE UNTIL NOW BY POINTING TO MRS MEIR'S IMPENDING OR CONTINUING VISIT TO WASHINGTON. BUT THEY NOW FEARED ANTI-US TONE MIGHT DEVELOP, AS WELL AS CALLS FOR RASH OR IRRATIONAL ACTIONS BY ISRAEL, SUCH AS IDF RESUMPTION OF FIRE AT EGYPTIAN AND SYRAIN FRONTS, CHOKING OF THIRD EGYPTIAN ARMY, BOMBING OF ARAB OIL FIELDS, AND SO ON. THEY WERE ALSO WORRIED ABOUT POSSIBLE CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT IN ISRAEL IN DIRECTION OF EXTREME RIGHT WING.

3. CALLERS EXPRESSED FERVENT HOPE THAT USG(A) WOULD UNDERSTAND THAT ISRAELI PUBLIC BECAUSE OF JEWISH HISTORY WAS EXTREMELY

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EMOTIONAL OVER THIS MATTER, AND (B) WOULD KEEP USSR FROM

DANGEROUS MISCALCULATION OF ENCOURAGING CAIRO AND DAMASCUS
TO THINK THAT FURTHER ISRAELI CONCESSIONS COULD BE BOUGHT WITH
POW ISSUE.
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